

POLICY MANUAL

State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

POLICY 4038(CSB)94-1 Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families

Authority

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Approved by Board Chairman s/Lindsay B. West

References

§ 37.1-10, *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, Powers and Duties of the Board.
§ 37.1-197.1 (Effective July 1, 1993), *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, Prescription Teams.
Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, §§ 2.1-746 through 759, *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended. Effective July 1, 1993.
Implementation Manual, May 1993.

Background

In March 1993, the Governor of Virginia signed into law the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families which creates "a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused, and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families across the Commonwealth." This legislation grew out of extensive work of the Council on Community Services for Youth and Families established by the Cabinet Secretaries of Health and Human Resources, Education, and Public Safety in 1990 with the charge of improving the community service delivery systems for children and families and controlling the costs of residential care.

It is important to note that the Comprehensive Services Act was preceded by a long history and active development of a system of care in Virginia. The Act represents the institutionalization of the interagency approach which has been promoted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services since 1985.

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Purpose

To establish, in compliance with the statute, the policy of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board regarding the participation of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the 40 Community Services Boards (CSBs) in the full implementation of the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families and to recognize the staff time involved in the collaborative activities of the Comprehensive Services Act.

Policy for the Department

It is the policy of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services:

- participate in the full implementation of the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, and
 - participate on the State Executive Council and the State Management Team, ensuring that the duties enumerated in the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) (§§ 2.1-746, 2.1-748, and 2.1-749 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950)) are accomplished.
 - seek the resources necessary to support the involvement required by CSB staff to participate in the activities required by the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families.
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Policy for the CSBs

It is the policy of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board that:

- there shall be community services board representation on the State Management Team, ensuring that the duties provided in the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) (§ 2.1-748 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950)) are accomplished;
 - the 40 Community Services Boards shall participate on Community Policy and Management Teams and Family Assessment and Planning Teams, ensuring that the duties enumerated in the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) (§§ 2.1-752 and 2.1-754 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950)) are accomplished;
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**Policy for
CSBs
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- Community Services Boards "shall continue to be responsible for providing services identified in the individual family service plans which are within the agency's scope of responsibility and which are funded separately from the state pool" pursuant to the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) (§ 2.1-757 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950));
 - when services purchased with state pool funds are being purchased from Community Services Boards, the purchase of services shall not supplant federal or state funds supporting existing programs pursuant to the assurance of the Community Policy and Management Teams in the Application for Funding (Implementation Manual, May 1993); and
 - Community Services Boards shall ensure that their local plans and proposed service initiatives for the DMHMRSAS Comprehensive State Plan, 1994 - 2000 (and its updates) related to the development of local child mental health services are coordinated and integrated with the long-range, community-wide planning of the Community Policy and Management Teams pursuant to the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) (§ 2.1-752 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950)).
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**Monitoring of
this Policy**

The Office of Mental Health shall develop a plan for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.
